

ST. MARYS CITY COUNCIL WORKSESSION

October 6, 2003

CALL TO ORDER

A worksession meeting of the St. Marys City Council was called to order by Mayor Meier on Monday, October 6, 2003 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was held in the Council Room of City Hall, 808 South Michael Street. Notice of the meeting was sent to Council on October 2, 2003 and posted at City Hall. Notice of the meeting was also published in the Daily Press.

ROLL CALL

Present: Mayor David Meier, Jerry Marshall, Robert Roberts, Thomas Farley, Gelindo Bonfardine, and Maurice J. Azain, City Manager

Excused: Solicitor Stephen French

VISITORS

Visitors included: Mark Kopp and Michael A. Frank

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mayor Meier stated an Executive Session was held on September 30, 2003 to discuss property and personnel matters.

MINUTES OF
SEPTEMBER 22, 2003

Gelindo Bonfardine had one correction on Page 4 of the September 22nd minutes under Land Development. 5,000 ft. should be 5,000 sq. ft.

Robert Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes as written, with correction, seconded by Thomas Farley and all were in favor.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

There were no citizen comments.

OLD BUSINESS
Catch Basin Bids

The following bid tabulation for the 2003 Catch Basins was presented:

LER Concrete.....	\$3,205.00
Catalone Pipe & Supply...	\$2,545.00
KD Pipe.....	\$3,770.27

Street Superintendent, Steve Samick, recommended that the catch basin bid be awarded to Catalone Pipe & Supply.

Thomas Farley made a motion, according to the Roadmaster's specifications, to award the bid to Catalone Pipe & Supply in the amount of \$2,545. The motion was seconded by Robert Roberts and all were in favor.

NEW ORDINANCE FOR
CONSIDERATION

Ordinance No. D-176
amending the St. Marys
Non-Uniformed Employees
Pension Plan

Ordinance No. D-176 was presented amending the City of St. Marys Non-Uniformed Employees Pension Plan to put in place a benefit structure compliant with the Third Class City Code as required by the Municipality of Monroeville v. Monroeville Police Department Wage Policy Committee, 767 A.2d 596 (PA. CMWLTH 2001) and the Auditor General's Municipal Pension Bulletin No. 2001-01.

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A motion was made by Robert Roberts to publish Ordinance No. D-176, seconded by Gelindo Bonfardine.

Thomas Farley felt the gender throughout the ordinance should be changed from "his" to "his/her" or "their". Possibly the definition could be worded in some way to correct the gender wording in the ordinance. Ordinance also needs to be reviewed by our City Solicitor.

Roberts Roberts withdrew his motion.

Jerry Marshall made a motion to table the ordinance until reviewed by our Solicitor and the necessary gender changes are made. The motion was seconded by Robert Roberts and all were in favor.

Two-Tier Tax System

Robert Roberts questioned if the City received any information back from Joshua Vincent regarding the Two-Tier Tax System. Mr. Vincent was to furnish the list of the communities that adopted the program successfully and also include the communities who tried the program and failed. Mr. Roberts also felt that a contact person should be included. The Manager is to check with Mr. Vincent.

NEW BUSINESS
Insurance Bids

An Annual Report on insurance and Bonds for the Year 2003 was presented to Council for their review. The report is a complete itemized list of all insurance policies and bonds of the City for a total cost of \$511,485.44.

It was the consensus of Council to bid out the City's insurance for the year 2004.

Fire Hydrants

The Crystal Fire Department requested three new fire hydrants at the following locations:

- Intersection of DeLaum and Aumadel Roads near Highland Steel.
- Intersection of Penn Road Extension and Bunker Hill Road.
- South Ridge Road, before the pump station and above Lang Road.

The hydrants are installed for the protection of areas of new residential, commercial, and industrial development. Each fire hydrant costs the City \$100. annually. The cost for the three additional hydrants have been put into the City's 2004 budget.

A motion was made by Jerry Marshall to approve the three additional fire hydrants at the Crystal Fire Department's locations, seconded by Thomas Farley, and all were in favor.

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Letter of Support
for Redevelopment
Authority

The Redevelopment Authority of the City of St. Marys requested a letter of support from the City for a possible future project. Council was in agreement to send a letter of support, not to exceed \$20,000. When requesting the money, the Authority would have to submit to Council a full explanation of the project.

Letter of Support
for the Airport
Authority

The St. Marys Area Airport Authority requested a letter of support from the City for the filing of a pre-application through the Rural Business Enterprise Program, which supports the infrastructure for an industrial development and the construction of a terminal/administrative building at the airport. Both projects will provide for the start-up of small businesses. The industrial development will provide land for any type of small business. The terminal building will provide space for a restaurant and offices for car rental and similar businesses.

Council was in agreement to send a letter of support to the St. Marys Area Airport Authority for the filing of a pre-application.

Budget Schedule

The City's draft Budget for 2004 will be presented to Council prior to the October 20, 2003 meeting. Meetings will be scheduled with various boards and departments.

Executive Session

Robert Roberts requested that an Executive Session be held after this meeting to discuss Police Negotiations.

Manager Azain re:
CDBG Income Survey

The Manager requested authorization from Council to conduct a new City wide CDBG income survey. It was the consensus of Council to do a new survey but instead of cards, send letters with an enclosed stamped return envelope for confidentiality.

Grand Opening of
Food Bank

The Grand Opening of the Food Bank was held on October 6th. The Food Bank serves 150 families. They are to be commended for serving the City and for the remarkable job on the building.

Correspondence re:
Urban Revitalization
Summits

Mayor Meier stated he received correspondence from the Office of the Governor regarding Urban Revitalization Summits. Meetings will be conducted at regional locations throughout the state during October and November. The City was invited to attend a meeting to be held on November 6, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. in New Castle.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mayor Meier made the following announcements:

- Next Council meeting will be held on October 20, 2003 at 7:00 p.m.
- Halloween Night will be observed on Friday, October 31, 2003 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. by porch light invitation only.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Thomas Farley to adjourn the the meeting, seconded by Gelindo Bonfardine, and all were in favor.

 10/21/03

Mayor David Meier



Recording Secretary